

Minutes of the 38th Care Farnham AGM
Held on Saturday 5th October 2024 at 12 noon
At The Centenary Rooms, St Thomas-on-The Bourne, Frensham Road, Farnham

The 38th AGM was opened by the chair Tim Young who welcomed all those attending including the Mayor of Waverley, Councillor John Ward, Lady Mayoress Mrs Gillian Ward, the Deputy Mayor of Farnham, Councillor George Murray and the Friends of Care Farnham. He also introduced Henry Trezise who would be playing the piano during the serving of refreshments.

1	Apologies for Absence	Apologies have been received from 18 members of Care Farnham, including Trustees Dudley Pitman and Andrew Henderson.
2	Receive and confirm Minutes of 37th AGM	The minutes of the 38 th Annual General Meeting were agreed and signed
3	Chair's Report	Tim Young reported that Care Farnham is now carrying out twice as many drives as two years ago and is fulfilling most requests. The transition to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status has now been confirmed modernising the constitution and protecting Trustees. Interaction with other similar schemes and with Surrey Community Action has been helpful and productive, not least in the positive response to the television interview which highlighted the work of the organisation.
4	Treasurer's Report	David Attfield reported that organising the new accounts for the CIO had proved challenging but everything is now in place under the new charity. A donation has been made to Frimley Park Hospital Stroke unit for the purchase of an exercise bike. Suggestions for further donations towards specific projects rather than day to day running costs for local charities are always welcome. Drivers were reminded that if they claimed 50p per mile for journeys then they were responsible for any tax liability on the "profit" over the 45p allowed payment. Thanks were expressed to Rob Walker for inspecting the accounts and to Judithe Blacklaw for the receipt of client envelopes.
5	Organiser's Report	Numbers are back to pre-pandemic levels so thanks were expressed to both Drivers and Duty Officers for their hard work.
	Volunteer Secretary's Report	It has been a positive year for recruiting volunteers, with several new drivers and a couple of Duty Officers. New ID badges for Drivers were available for those who wanted them.
	Duty Officer's Report	Thanks were expressed to Duty Officers for signing up for duties well in advance, making the production of the roster much easier. Duty Officers were reminded to look at the notes on the front of the white folder to keep themselves up to date with any changes.
	Transport Secretary's Report	Rumours have been circulating regarding the rebuilding of Frimley Park although there is no definite information. Downing Street Surgery is due to be finished in November. Information about parking at RSCH was available. Tim Young reported that Care Farnham has taken out insurance to cover the excesses on the insurance policies of drivers, in the event of an accident whilst on Care Farnham business

	Publicity Report	It has been a good year for publicity. The village fairs proved productive so thanks to all who helped on those occasions. Personal contact still seems one of the best ways to recruit volunteers.
6	Special Resolution to dissolve the unincorporated charity	Tim Young outlined the special resolution and expressed sincere gratitude to the law firm Skaddens who guided us (pro bono) through the process of converting to a CIO. The resolution to dissolve the scheme Care Farnham (Charity no.297887) and transfer the assets to Care Farnham (Charity no.1202182) was proposed by John Townsend and seconded by Peter Seager. The resolution was approved unanimously with no abstentions.
7	Election of Chair and Officers	The re-election of Tim Young as Chair was proposed by Alfred Zbinden, seconded by Peter Seager and agreed unanimously. The re-election of the existing Committee, with the addition of new Trustee Jane Dempster, was proposed by Tim Young, seconded by David Gibbs and agreed unanimously.
8	Appointment of Examiner	The appointment of Mr Rob Walker as the examiner was agreed unanimously.
9	Any Other Business	The Mayor of Waverley, Councillor John Ward expressed his amazement that Care Farnham has been successful in recruiting volunteers and helping the local community so effectively, He commended the conversion to a CIO and thanked all volunteers on behalf of the people of Farnham. Tim Young thanked everyone for their commitment and praised the community of volunteers who make Care Farnham what it is. The meeting was closed and refreshments were served.